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September 2011 Town Board Minutes Summary

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville was held on the 13th day of September, 2011 at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY. The meeting was convened by Supervisor Dermody and the roll was called with the following results:

PRESENT WERE: Supervisor Marie Dermody, Councilman Robert Bolte, Councilman Gary Chase, Councilwoman Marion Cooke, Councilman John Kudlack, Town Attorney Joseph Catalano, Town Clerk Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Also present were Acting Superintendent David Potter and 30 interested citizens.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- Mr. James Glorioso - use of Town assets (equipment, personnel) for the VFW Memorial Garden
A motion was made by Councilman Chase to use highway personnel and equipment, when available, for what is needed to do on the Memorial Garden; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- Margaret Sedlmeir - thank you for volunteer efforts during the flooding event.
- Mrs. Rahberger - thank you for all the work the highway department did on South Street

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to accept the minutes for the Work Meeting held on August 4, 2011 and the Regular Meeting held on August 9, 2011; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

TRANSFERS:

Supervisor Dermody reported that we can't identify transfers or give operating statements until all the balances are booked into Munis.

ABSTRACT 2011- VOUCHERS,BILLS:

The General Fund—\$37,083.37; Highway Fund - \$87,644.14; Lighting District - \$679.75; Sewer District - \$856.89; Water District - \$77,746.06; Trust & Agency - \$1296.48.

- Supervisor Dermody, since Munis is much better able to filter out the vouchers and invoice numbers, she would like the Board to approve the printing of multiple vouchers on one check.
A motion was made by Councilman Chase to modify the recommendation of the previous Budget Committee to allow printing multiple vouchers from a vendor on one check; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- Supervisor Dermody mentioned that there is such a convoluted process that you have to follow for the State income tax for quarterly payroll, she recommended that we convert all quarterly payrolls to monthly.
A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to eliminate the quarterly payroll as of October 1st and pay monthly; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- Main Care - Supervisor Dermody mentioned that there is a list of thousands of dollars of Main Care invoices that didn't get paid in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. What is our liability for this?

Attorney Catalano mentioned that we need to have the backup on each one of those. They have to give us a copy of their vouchers and invoices.

Supervisor Dermody will make sure that they have to show all their documentation and proof that they haven't been paid.

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Library Bookmark

What's New?

Students, the Library is offering **free tutoring** this school year. The tutors are certified teachers of various grades and subjects. If you are interested please call the library (797-3949) with the following information: name, grade, and phone number of interested student, the subject(s) for which tutoring is required, the days of the week (T-F) that the student is available to come to the Rensselaerville Library for after-school tutoring. If you are interested in becoming one of our tutors, please call the Library or email the Director.

Do you have an eReader (nook, kindle, smart phone etc.) and a library card?

You have access to **free ebooks and audio books** through the library. Visit <http://digitalcollection.uhls.org/> to start downloading. If this is your first visit click on the MyHelp! on the left hand side to walk through downloading your first book.

Weekend Film Series at Conkling Hall (8 Methodist Hill Rd):

- **November 12, 2011 at 1:30P.M. Double Feature Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part I & II** Run Time: 146 and 130 minutes, Rated: PG-13. Bring a dish or snack to share there will be an intermission between the two shows.
- **November 12, 2011 at 7:00P.M. Incendies** Run Time: 130 minutes, Rated: R

National Game Day November 12, 2011, 10-1P.M. Bring a Friend and Play! A variety of board games will be available, afterward head to Conkling Hall for the Harry Potter movie double feature.

"Science is FUN" Story Time! November 19, 2011 at 10:30A.M. The theme is "Kitchen Chemistry"

The **Library Board Meeting** is on **Monday, November 14 at 7P.M.** Open to the public.

READ with Helen of Troy a Therapy Dogs, Inc. therapy dog - Saturday, November 5 at 10A.M. Sign up at the Library for your 15 minutes to read with Helen.

Library Greenery Sale - It's that time of year again! Stop by the Library's Annual Greenery Sale on **December 10 from 10A.M.-2P.M.** Wreaths and trees will be available for purchase along festive Main Street. Find the perfect gift for someone inside the Library, where local craft persons will peddle their wares. For children Science is Fun Story Time a rainbow of color will start at 10:30. If you are interested in being a vendor at the Greenery Sale, please contact Connie Kudlack at 797-3526 by November 21 or visit the library web site for more information.

Continuing with our **responses to our 2010 survey** that was sent to residents of the Town we asked a question about **what segment of the community could use more resources**. Several responses indicated that the Library could offer more resources to the **blind and hearing impaired**. The Library is currently a distribution center for the **New York State Talking Book and Braille Library**. We can provide their services to members of the community who are in need of Braille books and magazines as well as digital playing devices - no more cassettes. We also have **large print books** and a **variety of audio books on both cassette and CD**. The Library already has access to a few **Playaways** through the Library System rotating collection and we purchased a few of our own. Playaways are self contained audio books and all you need are headphones and a battery to use them. These devices can be sped up or slowed down depending on your reading/listening preferences.



The October Board of Trustees meeting is our Annual Meeting

**Monday,
November 14th at
7:00P.M.— open to
the Public**

*The Library is
located at
1459 C.R. 351,
Rensselaerville.*

Library Hours:

*Tuesday &
Wednesday:*

*10:00 AM to Noon,
4:00-9:00 PM*

Thursday & Friday:

4:00—9:00 PM

Saturday:

9:00-1:00 PM

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Staff:

Kim Graff,
Director

Katie Caprio,
Library Technician

Amber Case
Madeline Ouellette
Pages

Conkling Hall—What's On In October

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5: SHORTS AND SWEETS. An evening of great short stories and divine desserts. Narrators: Amanda Ronconi, Jeff Wiens and Company. Desserts during intermission provided by Conkling Hall. 7:30 PM. Admission: \$15.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12: CHILDREN'S MOVIE(S). Double Feature Harry Potter: The Deathly Hallows Part I and Part II. Starts at 1:30 PM with an intermission. Bring a snack. Contribution \$1.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12: SECOND SATURDAY MOVIE FOR GROWNUPS: "Incendies". Twins make a life altering discovery after their mother's death. Academy Award Nominee. 7:00 PM. BYO treats. Admission \$2.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17: Conkling Café. An Open Mic Coffeehouse hosted by Peter Michael. Musicians arrive 7:00 - 7:30 PM. Music follows. Free Will Offering. Coffee and treats available.

Classes with Sarah Nelson Weiss, for information call 239 6825.

Tuesdays 9:00 - 10:15 AM Yoga

Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:15 Pilates

Thursdays 8:30 - 9:45 AM Yoga (for experienced practitioners)

Saturdays 9 - 10 AM Pilates

All classes open to all except as noted.

You can reach Conkling Hall at 518 797 3459 or read our website at www.Conklinghall.org. We send frequent announcements/reminders via email. If you wish to be added, please send your email address to Info@ConklingHall.org.

Submitted by Diana Dietrich



Methodist Hill Road
Rensselaerville, NY
(518) 797- 3459

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on:

Tuesday, November 8th, for Election Day

Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day

Friday, November 18th

Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th, in observance of Thanksgiving

Library Bookmark

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Are you starting your **Holiday Shopping**? Have you considered a Library tote bag, note cards, ornament or "Our Side of the Mountain" tee shirts? Stop into the library and visit our **gift shop**.

The Library would like to welcome **Amber Case** and **Madeline Ouellette** to our staff.

The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2011 in celebration of Thanksgiving Day. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Submitted by Kimberly Graff

Senior Corner

Need Information? Elder Source Line (447-7177) has information about Senior Services to help in a variety of ways. Call between 8:30AM-12:30PM Monday through Friday. Call for free assistance with housing options, insurance counseling, benefits and entitlements, community resources, adult daycare, and caregiver options. This program is funded by United Way of Northeastern New York and Senior Services of Albany Foundation.

Senior Citizens Club: We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Medusa Firehouse at noon. \$1.00 is collected. ALL senior citizens are invited to join the club. Please bring a covered dish to share and/or dessert. Members need to bring their own plates and utensils. Coffee is provided.

Senior Van: Tuesday: Bryant's Center, Greenville
Thursday: Cobleskill (Wal-Mart) Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Van is available to travel to doctor appointments. Call Ann Vogel at 797-3376 regarding scheduling and/or arranging for van pick up.

Helderberg Senior Services: Lunches are served Monday through Friday at noon for \$3.75. A one-day advance reservation would be appreciated and can be made by calling Marie at 797-3652 between 9:00AM-1:00PM for information and reservations.

We need volunteer drivers!!!! If you have a valid driver's license and could volunteer a couple hours of your time now and then, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Kathy Hallenbeck, Town Clerk, for more details.

Special Presentation

Because of the recent nefarious activities in the hamlet of Rensselaerville, Inspector Mark J. DeFrancesco, Station Commander for the Albany County Sheriff's Office, will be making a presentation to interested residents on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at the beginning of the Town Board work/agenda meeting (7:00PM at the Town Hall). His topic will be on creating and maintaining a safe home and community.

Please mark your calendars.

Election Day Lunch

will be available at
Trinity Episcopal Church,
Rensselaerville

from 11:00—2:00

* Soup * Sandwiches * Dessert

Free Will Offering

Submitted by Lisa Dudley



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A Report from the Supervisor

On October 4, 2011, I attended a training session sponsored by the Office of the State Comptroller on the property tax cap legislation. Although not a terribly difficult calculation to make, it certainly is a sobering experience to realize how relatively little financial breathing room given to municipalities attempting to stay within their tax cap. I believe I speak for the entire Town Board when I say that we are determined to present a 2012 budget that stays well within the tax cap.

To this end, budget workshops are underway as I write this article. By the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox/inbox, we will have conducted four budget workshops, met with representatives from many departments, and worked to trim the budget as much as possible without loss of any services. A public hearing on the 2012 budget is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, at 6:30pm.

On Thursday, October 13, representatives from Albany County Emergency Management Office, NYS Department of Transportation, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Albany County Soil and Water, Acting Highway Superintendent David Potter, and I visited a couple of sites representative of Tropical Storm Irene's damage. We were informed that, in some cases, there could be eight or nine different agencies that might need to get involved in the corrective measures necessary.

David Potter and I attended FEMA's official "kick off" meeting on Thursday, October 20, in Cohoes. We submitted preliminary figures for damages caused by Irene and expect that a Project Manager will be meeting with us in the very near future to visit all documented sites for evaluation. A Special Town Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 25, to update the Town Board regarding this "kick off" meeting.

A sixth and final Workplace Violence & Sexual Harassment training will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 7pm in Town Hall for all Town employees, appointees, elected officials, fire company members, and ambulance squad members who have not yet availed themselves of this mandatory training. It is not known at this time whether Jay Lewandowski (Loss Prevention Specialist) or I will do the training. But whoever it is, we promise to make it as enlightening and entertaining as possible.

Please note some items of interest regarding Town issues elsewhere in this newsletter:

- Important dates and date changes
- Vacancies on various boards and committees
- Special presentation by Mark DeFrancesco, Station Commander for the Albany County Sheriff's Department

As we enter the 2012 holiday season, with Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, I hope we all take a moment to reflect on the many things for which we can each be grateful. May you and yours have much to be thankful for.

Marie

Happy Thanksgiving to One & All!

HEAP Outreach Days Scheduled

HEAP has scheduled the following days to be at the Rensselaerville Town Hall:

11/22/11	1:00pm - 3:00pm
01/12/12	1:00pm - 3:00pm
03/08/12	1:00pm - 3:00pm

VFW Memorial Garden — Many Thanks to the Following Contributors :

The Committee thanks the contributors, especially in light of the recent disaster that befell this Town. We envision the final result as a tribute to our veterans as well as a peaceful gateway to Town Hall. We continue to gratefully accept any and all donations.

Submitted by Town Supervisor, Marie Dermody

- Cindy Adams-Kornmeyer
- American Legion Clarke White Post & Auxiliary Unit
- Gregory Bischoff
- Jan & Dave Bowdish
- Ralph Britton & Eileen Britton
- Dave Dillworth, Phase III Electric (East Durham)
- Marie & Ed Dermody
- Lauren Endres
- James Glorioso
- Barbara Heath
- Susan Holmes
- John Ingalls, GNH Lumber (Greenville)
- Jeanette James
- Wallace Kappler
- Vic and Gail La Plante
- Steven Lewis & Family
- Lou's Automotive (Greenville)
- Otto Metzger
- John & Linda Mormile
- David Potter and Town of Rensselaerville Highway Department
- Ed Reinhart & Reinhart Contracting
- William & Jeannette Rice
- Richard Sabol
- Walter Schloen
- Peter & Margaret Sedlmeir
- Linda Tozer
- Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Wacheter
- Mary Weidman

GOT JUNK?!?!??



Need it taken off your hands? Then I'm your guy. Free haul away of metal, air conditioners, wire, aluminum, copper, car batteries, mower batteries, mowers, appliances and MUCH more! If this sounds like you, then give me a call at 518-703-3537. Please leave a message and I will be sure to get back to you

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Tips for a Safer, More Secure Home and Community



There are a number of things which can be done to help protect yourself and your community. As a "Community," residents should be alert to suspicious activity in their area and immediately report any unusual or suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office by calling "911." While sometimes obvious, things to be on the lookout for and report to the police include:

- Anyone looking into parked cars, or removing parts, gasoline or license plates from a car.
- A stranger entering a neighbor's home that appears to be unoccupied.
- Anyone entering or leaving a place of business after hours or "hanging" around such places.
- Abnormally barking dogs, screams, breaking glass.
- Any vehicle driving slowly back and forth in a particular area.
- Anyone sitting in a parked car, especially at unusual hours and outside a home or business.
- Anything you observe which strikes you odd, peculiar or out of the ordinary which raises your suspicions.

Things the Sheriff's Office will need to know when you call can include:

- What happened?
- Where?
- When?
- How?
- A description of the person or persons including their approximate height, weight, sex, race, hair color, clothing and age.
- A description of any vehicle which may have been involved in the activity you observed. The more detailed description the better the chance of Deputies recognizing the vehicle as they respond.

In addition to these "Community" efforts, residents can help protect their homes from intrusion through simple and low cost methods such as:

- Trimming trees, bushes, shrubs and vegetation around their home's windows, porches and doors. These places offer an intruder places to hide and cover signs of a break-in which might otherwise be reported by a passerby or neighbor.
- Use shades, drapes and other window treatments to keep tempting household items out of view. Burglary is sometimes a crime of opportunity, the more visible and tempting household items such as flat screen TVs and computers are, the more likely the would be burglar is to spot them.
- Using deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.
- Consider using timers to turn on lights, radios and other electronics when you are not at home.
 - Burglars don't like to be confronted, if they think someone might be home because of a light on, or hearing sounds from a radio or TV, the more likely they are not intrude.
 - Nighttime outdoor lighting is essential. Dark, poorly lit property makes it easier for a burglar to go about unseen.
 - Consider using motion sensing outdoor security lights. Since activated when there is motion, the sudden change from dark to light will not only startle an intruder, it can also serve a visual alert to the homeowner or neighbor.

However, the number one recommendation is to simply lock your doors and windows when you leave your home. One would be amazed by the number of burglaries which occur because someone didn't lock their door or windows.

Inspector Mark J. De Francesco
Station Commander, Albany County Sheriff's Office

The Medusa Fire Company

Will be Holding an
“All You Can Eat Election Day Buffet”

On Tuesday, November 8, 2011
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

At the Medusa Fire House on Main St
Buffet Cost: \$7.00

All Are Welcome

Submitted by Gail F. La Plante

Waste Oil Collection Day:
Saturday, October 29th
Saturday, November 26th
7AM—Noon



A monument was recently installed on the grounds of the Rensselaerville Ambulance with the special assistance of Gerald and Brenda Wood, and Barry Cook. The monument is in memory of all past members of Rensselaerville Ambulance.

Volunteer News and Events

Medusa Volunteer Fire Department

Monthly Meeting: Monday, November 7th, at 7:30PM
Company Drill: Monday, November 14th, at 7:00 PM
Work Night: Monday, November 21st at 7:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Department

Calls as of October 12, 2011: 52

November:

2nd - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
7th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
14th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
30th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

December:

3rd - Children's Christmas Party
5th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
7th - 7:00 pm Battalion Meeting
12th - 7:00 pm Company Drill
28th - 7:30 pm Company Meeting

Upcoming Events:

- Toy Drive November 5th through 30th
- December 5th - Children's Christmas Party 3:30 pm. Santa will arrive on the Fire Truck at 5:00 pm. Tree Lighting at 5:30 pm.

Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, November 2nd at 8:00PM

Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance Department

Company Meeting: Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00PM



THE DEMOCRATIC TEAM ~ 2011

Submitted by the Democratic Social Club

Gregory Bischoff, Town Justice

Presently I live in Medusa with my wife Diane & mother Harriet. Diane, an English teacher, retired from Greenville Central School in 2010. My daughter Carrie was raised here & graduated from GCS. I earned Bachelors & Masters degrees in Business Education from the University at Albany. I also have certification as a school district administrator.

I retired from Middleburgh Central School where I taught accounting, economics, business law, introduction to occupations, computer science & applications. I served on various committees as well as a variety of union offices. I was also advisor to the sophomore class & the ski and hockey clubs. I taught at Cass Residential Center for six summers & served as summer school principal for three summers. I am a ski instructor at Ski Windham & a tutor & substitute teacher at MCS.

My varied life experiences and people skills will allow me to serve the residents of this Town in the best way possible. I believe in equal justice for all and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

I thank you for your support on Election Day.

Gary Chase, Town Councilman

I was born in Medusa & am a lifetime resident of the Town of Rensselaerville. My wife Pam & I currently reside in Cooksburg/Preston Hollow with our two teenage children. My adult daughter & family live in Greenville, & I have a 2-year-old grandson. I have been a corrections officer for fourteen years & work at the Greene Correctional Facility in Coxsackie.

I currently serve as Deputy Town Supervisor. As a member of the Town Board for twelve years, I have been involved with Town budgets for eleven years. I've worked cooperatively with the other Board members to assure your tax dollars are hard at work. Recent accomplishments include support for the on-going implementation of upgraded financial software, support for revenue-producing endeavors such as Green Fiber, the establishment of an Ethics Committee, the successful completion of wind study for the Town, budget increases kept to a bare minimum, if any at all... the list goes on.

I listen to & understand the problems & ideas of others & try to come up with reasonable & cost-efficient solutions.

I look forward to continuing my work on your behalf & to working to make Rensselaerville a town we can be proud to call "home."

Your support on November 8th is greatly appreciated.

Anthony Higgins, Town Councilman

I have been a resident of the Town of Rensselaerville for most of my life. Growing up on Smith's Corners in the hamlet of Medusa, I attended & graduated from Greenville Central High School. I have been a member of the Rensselaerville Volunteer Ambulance & am an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

In 1986 my wife & I moved to South Florida for a few years to assist in my brother's business. My family & I moved back to New York in 2002 where we built our house & raised our children.

I've been married for twenty-five years & have two children. I was a den leader & treasurer for the Boy Scouts Pack 245 for six years. I've been a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity & I volunteered as a coach in Sunrise, Florida. I am presently an active member of the Medusa Volunteer Fire Department, holding the rank of Assistant Chief.

If elected to the Town Board, I pledge to serve with the highest level of honesty & integrity. I see how much progress this Town has made in the last two years, & I want to serve an active role in seeing that this progress continues for the benefit of all residents of the Town of Rensselaerville.

Jeffry Pine, Town Assessor

My wife Sherri & I have lived in this beautiful Town of Rensselaerville for over 30 years. To our delight, our two adult children, Jackie & John, continue to reside here.

Over the years, I have been privileged to serve this community in several capacities. I have been a member of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. I have also served as Building Inspector for two years prior to being an Assessor, a position I have held since 1998.

I received my New York State certification in 1999 & have logged many hours in continuing education since then. I am proud to be able to use my knowledge & experience gained over these last thirteen years in this often complicated job of assessing to bring professionalism and a friendly face to the assessor's office.

I believe in fair and equitable assessments. Experience matters, & I look forward to using this experience in continuing to serve the Town of Rensselaerville as an assessor.

John Pine, Highway Superintendent

I was born & raised in the hamlet of Preston Hollow. I learned first-hand to appreciate the rural beauty of this town and the people who live here. I love the outdoors and the simple pleasures this town affords its residents.

After high school, I joined the National Guard and served full-time for one tour. It was a great experience! The training, teamwork, & respect for the Armed Services will stay with me my whole life.

I am a father with three sons and currently residing in Medusa. I am a volunteer fireman serving as a lieutenant with the Medusa Fire Company. Most of my career to date has been in construction. I am well versed in both excavation work & the operation of heavy equipment. I have a current CDL license. I plan to utilize these skills as a working Highway Superintendent if elected. My mission is to maintain the Town's infrastructure to preserve the improvements already made, and to smartly plan new improvements where needed with a keen eye on maximizing the Town's finances. I will explore any and all ways to be a good steward of the Town's tax dollars, especially in these difficult financial times. I see this position as a chance to serve this community long term & not just as a stepping stone.

Come November 8th, I am asking for your vote. Let's get going together on a new & brighter future.

DONATION FOR THE VFW MEMORIAL GARDEN
TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Pavers are 6" x 9" with up to 2 lines of engraving, a maximum of 11 characters & spaces per line. The minimum donation per engraved paver is \$30.00. Please use block letters only.

Example:

G	E	O	R	G	E		R	U	D	D
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Paver #1:

For additional engraved pavers, please use a separate sheet of paper.

Paver #2:

Total number of engraved pavers: _____ = \$ _____

***I/We wish to make a donation of \$ _____ toward the rehabilitation of the VFW Memorial Garden. (Please make checks payable to the Town of Rensselaerville & note "VFW Garden Memorial Garden" on the memo line.)

*** I/We are willing to donate my/our labor to make this rehabilitation a reality. My/Our days and hours of availability are: _____

The VFW Memorial Garden Committee thanks you in advance for your cooperation & participation in this project to honor those who have served honorably in our Armed Forces.



Church Services

Preston Hollow Baptist Church

Route 145, Preston Hollow,
239-6544
Worship: Sunday - 11:00AM

Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

Summer Session Worship - 11:00AM
Coffee Hour following Service

United Church of Christ

Medusa, 239-4843 or 722-8126
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM

Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Lane, Rensselaerville,
797-5395
Holy Eucharist & Church School Sunday
11:00AM

Potter Hollow Union Church

4824 Potter Hollow Mountain Road
Potter Hollow, 263-4478
Worship: Sunday - 10:00AM
Coffee Hour & Sunday School—11:30AM
Call for Bible Study and Prayer Group



The VFW Memorial Garden Committee continues to gratefully accept donations for the garden “renovation” in front of Town Hall. As we begin to “run out of weather,” it is probable that the completion of the garden won’t take place until the spring of 2012, but it will be completed. It will serve as a well-deserved monument to all those who honorably served the United States in military service.

Pumpkin Sale

Saturday, October 8, 2011
10am – 12pm

Catalpa House Lawn
(Corner of RT 85 & RT 351)



Benefit Trinity Episcopal Church Youth programs

HARVEST DINNER

Roast Pork

Saturday, October 29, 2011
4:30pm – 6:30pm

Rensselaerville Fire House
Route 85, Rensselaerville
Adults \$10.00, Children under ten
\$5.00
Eat in or Take out!

Proceeds to benefit Trinity Episcopal Church Outreach



RE-UNITE OUR TOWN

**VOTE FOR CANDIDATES WILLING TO WORK TOGETHER
WITH OUR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

BOB BOLTE – *TOWN COUNCIL*

MARGARET SEDLMEIR – *TOWN COUNCIL*

RANDY BATES – *HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT*

RICHARD TOLLNER – *ASSESSOR*

**Vote for candidates that will represent
YOU!**

Endorsed by the Republican, Conservative and Independent Parties

Dear Rensselaerville residents,

I need to respond to a very negative piece of campaign literature that was mailed to residents of the 39th legislative district last week. Negative sound bites don't do justice to the needs of our community.

My voting record on tax increases was the target. Of course I voted for last year's county budget, that is part of the job. The choice was, to vote for the budget as proposed by County Executive Mike Breslin, calling for a 15% tax increase, closing the Albany County Nursing Home and eliminating 17 jobs from the Albany County Department of Public Works, the people who plow our roads or what I did. After a three week review, my legislative colleagues and I came up with a budget that maintained the Nursing Home, restored positions in the road crew and called for a tax increase of 4.73%. Yes, that is what I voted for. These are hard times. These issues require serious consideration and that is what I give.

I also have voted for the continuation of the 1% sales tax surcharge. I have letters of support from Town Supervisors Lansing, Nickelsberg and Dermody all asking me to vote for this tax. It is imperative to the town budget to maintain the sales tax revenue as part of town cash flow. Without sales tax revenue towns in the 39th legislative district would have to raise their property tax levies by 40%. The sales tax has another interesting characteristic, 44% of this revenue comes from out of county shoppers visiting our malls, stores and auto dealers and making their purchases. During the 16 years I have served in the County Legislature, Albany County has gone from the 8th lowest tax rate in the state to the 7th lowest rate. As you know, every county has been burdened by rising costs and unfunded mandates but we have worked hard to manage these challenges.

Earlier this year, I arranged to have the County Comptroller, Mike Conners, to provide audit services from his office to assist the town. This amounted to a savings for the taxpayers in Rensselaerville of \$20,000. Other resource sharing arrangements I have sponsored have saved the Towns of Knox and Coeymans over \$100,000 each by sharing salt sheds. I will continue to be resourceful, as I have had to be all my life. That is how I survive as a farmer!

As for economic development, since June 2010, my family's online farm sales business has generated over \$50,000 in new sales for the 13 participating Hilltown farmers involved. This is important to these farmers, me included. It points to the importance of the Albany County Right to Farm Law that I initiated, researched, built a consensus and got passed unanimously. It points to the fact that in this time of divisive politics, I can get these important things done.

As a farmer, I am not immune to the hardship of this economy, I get it! I will continue to pare down the 19.2% tax increase proposed by outgoing County Executive Mike Breslin. I am part of a very spirited debate that is currently looking at every detail in the budget. I don't know if we can stay within the 2% tax cap and still have the personnel to plow our roads, but I know we do have to balance these and other important services.

I have a long record of thoughtful representation of our community and I promise to be a steady hand for reasonable government going forward.

I simply and humbly ask for your vote in this important election.

Alexander E. Gordon
"Sandy"

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- Supervisor Dermody mentioned that everyone has the Abstract of Vouchers. Councilwoman Cooke asked about the DVD "Gasland." You bought it for other groups; who were they? She did not think we should be paying for that.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that people from Medusa and Rensselaerville asked for it and she doesn't have access to the one originally shown at Town Hall. Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she would buy another DVD if the other side came up with something that they want us to purchase. She thinks we need to be able to present both sides of the issue.

Councilman Cooke mentioned that if people want to see the "Gasland" movie, then they should go out and buy their own DVD.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to pay all signed vouchers; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried.* Ayes (4) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Kudlack; Nays (1) Cooke

CORRESPONDENCE

- Jeannette P. Rice - Letter of Interest to serve on hydrofracking committee
- Dave Bowdish - Letter of Interest to serve on hydrofracking committee
- Beth Mickle-Packard - Letter of resignation from the Board of Ethics due to personal reasons

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept Beth Mickle-Packard's resignation from the Board of Ethics; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried.* Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that position needs to be filled; she would like to put a notice in the newsletter requesting a letter of interest to serve on that Board.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to advertise the Board of Ethics position in the Town newsletter; 2nd by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried.* Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- Albany County Rural Housing Alliance -The Albany County Rural Housing Alliance has grants available for a home repair program for Albany County residents.
- State Comptroller - Supervisor Dermody received a letter from the Office of the State Comptroller acknowledging the receipt of the letter regarding unclaimed funds.
- Siena College - Albany -people are interested in helping the Hilltowns by working and donating household goods and money. Supervisor Dermody suggested that they contact the Hilltowns Community Resource Center and let the HCRC distribute to those in need. She did not feel that the Town Board should be distributing funds.

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR DERMODY

- TROPICAL STORM IRENE: Supervisor Dermody expressed on gratitude for all of those who suspended their own personal lives to help us through this disaster known as Tropical Storm Irene. Thank you to everyone who came forward and did what needed to be done.

- FINANCIAL REPORTS: Supervisor Dermody mentioned that you have a copy of the Summary of Accounts and the Operating Statements from Enhanced.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cooke to approve the Operating Statement and Summary of Accounts; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried.* Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- 2010 FUNDS BALANCED: Supervisor Dermody reported that all of our funds for 2010 have balanced. All of those balance sheets have been sent to the Accountant. The Account needs to come up and compile and then file the AUD.

- WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL HARRASSMENT: Supervisor Dermody reported that we had our 5th class, with 43 people in attendance, mostly ambulance and fire company personnel. She is willing to do this class one more time.

- ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Supervisor Dermody had a letter from the Albany County Sheriff's Office regarding the Contract for Advanced Life Support Services for this year.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte authorizing Supervisor Dermody to sign the contract with the Albany County Sheriff's Office for Advanced Life Support Services for 2011; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried.* Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT: Supervisor Dermody needs Town Board authorization to sign the contract

A motion was made by Councilman Chase that the Supervisor be authorized to sign the contract with Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried.* Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- PAYROLL AUDIT: Supervisor Dermody reported that Councilwoman Cooke did the June audit and found no errors. Councilman Bolte will do the July audit, and Councilman Chase will do the August audit.

- FEMA: Supervisor Dermody reported that there was a FEMA Applicants' Briefing yesterday at Voorheesville; Acting Superintendent Potter and she attended. Before we left, all of our paperwork was submitted and we are now "in the system."

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Supervisor's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Mo-*

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tion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

TOWN ATTORNEY

- CAPITAL REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT: RESOLUTION 2011.09.13A. Attorney Catalano mentioned there is a resolution included which not only gives the Supervisor the authority to execute the contract extension but also resolves that the Town Board accepts and adopts the SEQR documentation for the Planning Unit which is Albany County.

RESOLUTION # 2011.09.13A

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RENSSELAERVILLE TO ACCEPT AND ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CAPITAL REGION SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP AND THE SEQR FINDING STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE LEAD AGENCY; and AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT - RESOLUTION # 09.13.11.

The following Resolution (09.13.11A) was made by Councilman Chase;

WHEREAS, in order to promote the public health, safety and welfare and further the purposes of the New York State policy on solid waste management articulated in New York State Environmental Conservation Law Section 27-0106, the Town of Rensselaerville is a member of the Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership Planning Unit (the "Planning Unit"); and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Planning Unit, and with the guidelines of a Steering Committee consisting of representatives from each municipality in the Planning Unit, among other stakeholders, the City of Albany has prepared a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) which has been submitted for acceptance to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany Common Council was designated lead Agency for the review of the Draft SWMP pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR); and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany Common Counsel, as Lead Agency, has accepted the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS)/SWMO, and issued its Findings Statement, which among other things concluded that the requirements 6 NYCRR 617 have been met and that, the SWMP avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the SWMP will require that the existing Inter-municipal Agreement (IMA) between the member municipalities of the Planning Unit be extended beyond its current expiration date; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville Town Board has reviewed the FGEIS/SWMP and the Findings Statement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS BY THE TOWN BOARD:

- 1) The Town Board accepts and adopts the FGEIS/SWMO for the Planning Unit, and the Findings Statement adopted by the Lead Agency, for this Action.
- 2) The Supervisor of the Town of Rensselaerville is hereby authorized to enter into and execute and extension of the existing IMA with members of the Planning Unit.
- 3) This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

2nd by Councilman Kudlack. Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

- **PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2011- MORATORIUM ON GAS DRILLING/ HYDROFRACKING:** Attorney Catalano mentioned that this Moratorium on Gas Drilling and Hydrofracking is a temporary measure and will give the Board time to investigate and study and determine how you want to approach that issue.

RESOLUTION 2100.09.13B

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that we adopt the following resolution introducing the Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2011 to allow this Town sufficient time to research thoroughly and objectively and arrive at a decision that benefits the Town in the best way possible, and that we hold a Public Hearing on October 6, 2011 at 7PM;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville is increasingly concerned about the process of extracting natural gas by hydraulic fracturing (aka hydro-fracking) since the Town has shale deposits that may be targeted for such extraction; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board members have been following the controversy on such process and understands it is a complex issue that has yet to be resolved by New York State; and

WHEREAS, since the Town Board will need time in which to investigate and study the issues involved as well as evaluate the State's decision and regulations regarding the gas drilling process, the Town Board believes that a one-year moratorium is necessary in order to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Rensselaerville for the reasons also set forth in section 2 of proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has prepared a proposed local law that proposes to establish a moratorium on the drilling for extraction of natural gas and a copy of said proposed law has been provided to each member of the Town Board at this meeting for their consideration;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Town Board hereby introduces and proposes for adoption Local Law No. 3 of 2011, regarding the establishment of a one-year moratorium on any natural gas projects and applications throughout the Town.

The Town Board determines that the adoption of the proposed Local Law No. 3 is listed as a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) and, as such, further environmental review is not necessary or required.

The Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing for the proposed Local Law to be held at the Town Hall on October 6, 2011 at 7PM.

The Town Board hereby orders that a notice of the public hearing be posted at the Town Office, on the Town's website, and published once in the Town's official newspaper at least ten days before the hearing date together with any other notice or referrals as required by law.

2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

- SECURITY CHECK LIST FORMS: Attorney Catalano mentioned that he has not gone over these forms yet.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- THANK YOU: (Tropical Storm Irene) Acting Highway Superintendent Potter thanked the Highway Crew and all the volunteers that helped, and two private contractors who made a difference on the second storm and saved a few houses from going under again.
- FEMA: Acting Superintendent Potter reported that we have the paperwork started; it is going to be a long process. Tomorrow they will be working on the dry hydrant in Rensselaerville so they can stabilize it so the fire company can utilize it.
- DOYLE SHAVER: Acting Highway Superintendent Potter asked the Board if they would grant Doyle Shaver another 150 hours to work for the Highway Department, 30 hours per week, no benefits or overtime.
A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that we extend Doyle Shaver's work time with us by 150 hours, 30 hours per week maximum, no benefits, no overtime; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
- SECOND STORM: If you have any areas that are washed out that you can't go in and out of your road or driveway, please call him.
A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Acting Highway Superintendent's report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

TOWN CLERK:

Town Clerk Hallenbeck reported the following collected and paid out for the month of August 2011: Town Clerk Department - Total Collected - \$3554.75. Paid to the Supervisor - \$2,474.19 (fees); Paid to NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets - \$9.00 (Dogs - State Surcharge); Paid to NYS Departmental Conservation - \$1,071.56 (sporting license); Paid to NYS Department of Health - \$0.00 (marriage license). Water Rents Collected - \$2,393.17. Sewer Rents Collected - \$1571.27.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Town Clerk's Report for the month of August 2011; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Chase, Bolte, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR:

CEO Overbaugh reported the following collected for the month of August 2011: Most everything were renewals, we had one permit change. Building New Accessory -3; Accessory Building - 2; Accessory repairs - 1; Septic Repair - 1; Decks -1; Total Collected - \$178.50.

CEO Overbaugh mentioned that he had asked Attorney Catalano if the flood victims could be exempt from building permit fees for flood damage repairs.

Attorney Catalano handed to the Town Board a resolution authorizing the waiver of all fees for building permits, inspections, certificates of occupancy for any building permit applications that are required as a result of Irene's storm damage.

RESOLUTION 2011.09.13C

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the many homes, businesses and structures were damaged as a result of tropical storm Irene that occurred on August 28, 2011, and also the heavy rains which occurred the following week; and

Whereas, as result of such storm damages to structures, there is expected to be a need for building permits for reconstruction and/or repair; and

Whereas, upon recommendation of Mark Overbaugh, the Town's Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector, the Town Board believes that waiving the fees for building permits necessary in the wake of these storms is one of the ways Town government can recognize and help those property owners who experienced storm damage to their properties;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows: that the Town Board hereby authorizes the waiver of all fees for building permits, inspections and certificates of occupancy, for those applications which seek to repair and/or reconstruct damage incurred due to winds, rain or flooding from tropical storm Irene and/or the heavy rains that occurred a week later. This waiver shall only apply to work necessitated by damages from the aforementioned storms and shall be administered by, and in the discretion of, the Town's Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector. This waiver shall expire on October 31, 2012. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*
CEO Overbaugh mentioned that he has inspected 73 buildings, gave out about 65 water test kits and mold information for those people.

He would like to thank Acting Highway Superintendent Potter and the highway crew for responding to his request last Thursday night about South Street in Medusa; that is getting accomplished, that was a priority.

- CEO Overbaugh reported that he met with the contractor who is responsible for the demolition of the burned out home in Preston Hollow; the Contractor guaranteed him that he will get started the first week in October.
- CEO Overbaugh mentioned that a follow up to Irene, we all know that this building needs to be able to be a command center, possibly where we could put people up and have emergency communications. He met with John Wennstrom about a possible generator that would function to run the whole complex including the recycling center. We already have a 400 AMP transfer switch already on line; some rewiring needs to be done. His estimate is that we would need a 75 KW Generator to run this complex. CEO Overbaugh recommended that we get a generator.

Attorney Catalano suggested finding out what the range in cost would be for a generator that size. It may not require a public bid. Councilman Bolte suggested seeing if we could get some help from Civil Defense. We have to look at what we want to run in an emergency.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to accept CEO Overbaugh's report; 2nd by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT:

Assessor Pine reported the following:

- The Middleburgh School taxes haven't gone out yet. He is assured that when they go out the people will get the full 30 days to pay without penalty.
- Assessor Pine spoke about an Assessment Relief Act enacted in 2007 in Montgomery County. This was a way of giving people relief on their taxes whose property was damaged from a flood. He spoke to Neil Breslin, Jack McAneny, and the County. He can't promise anything. He is keeping on top of this. He sent a copy of the 2007 legislation to Attorney Catalano. He will keep the Board informed on what is going on.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the Assessor's report; 2nd by Supervisor Dermody. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE:

- Chairman Long reported that the facilities survived without serious damage. The emergency repair for the sewer district was done by the Highway Department. They retained an easement from the two landowners saying that we will restore their land if it was damaged by the Town or the contractor, which went until September 14. Chairman Long asked that the easement contract be extended for Mr. Blum and he suggested that we try and engage the landscaper for Mr. Blum to restore his lawn and bill the Town for that work rather than us trying to get a contractor to do that.

Attorney Catalano suggested that Chairman Long get an estimate from Mr. Blum and give it to Supervisor Dermody.

- Chairman Long asked if FEMA covers the damage from the second storm as well as the first storm. Supervisor Dermody told Chairman Long to get damage information to Acting Superintendent Potter. We need a complete list of damages.

- Chairman Long reported that the Impounding Dam project is substantially complete.

Supervisor Dermody mentioned that she had the Change Order for the extra concrete for the dam.

The original contact price was \$74,381.00, the extra concrete was \$4807.98, they gave us credit of \$986.00 worth of piping that we didn't need. The revised contract price is \$81,212.98.

A motion was made by Councilman Bolte to authorize Supervisor Dermody to sign the Change Order for the work on the Impounding Dam; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to accept the report of the Water/Sewer Committee; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack.

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Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)

REFUSE/RECYCLING

- Recycling Coordinator reported that the building in Potter Hollow is all cleaned up.
- E Waste (TVs, monitors, keyboard, etc.) 2593 pounds; Green Fiber - 10.26 tons; Rensselaer Iron & Steel - 6.17 tons; Tires - 29; City of Albany - 62.8 tons; Sierra Fibers - 4.98 tons; and Oil - 58 gallons. Both oil containers are full.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to accept Recycling Coordinator Whitbeck's report; 2nd by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Case, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

CURRENT EVENTS:

- Medusa Breakfast - September 17th, they will be held the third Saturday of the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

FURNACES -- Supervisor Dermody mentioned that Councilman Bolte and Councilman Kudlack were investigating the furnace situation.

Councilman Bolte mentioned that he asked Security Supply and Capital District Supply to do an analysis of what we need for a new furnace to replace the old ones. With all the bills we have coming in it might better off to put it off for a year until we figure out how much this storm damage is going to cost us. At budget time we could put money aside for that and we feel the saving will pay us back then that is a good time to look at it.

NEW BUSINESS

- **CODIFICATION:** Attorney Catalano mentioned that we have a couple of housekeeping items to do on the Codification process.

CODE BOOKS: RESOLUTION 2011.09.13D

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that we adopt the following resolution that sets the price of the General Code Book:

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville has recently completed a codification of its legislation, to be known as the "Code of the Town of Rensselaerville." and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville has recently adopted said codification, designating said Code of the Town of Rensselaerville as the official body of general and permanent legislation of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville wishes to make such Code available to members of the general public for sale, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rensselaerville wishes to establish a price for the sale of copies of such Code in order to reimburse the Town for its cost in ordering said Code Books and handling orders for said pamphlets,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Code of the Town of Rensselaerville shall be available for sale to members of the general public at a price of \$65.00 per Code (plus mailing costs, if any) and that said price may increase to match any increase in the Code publisher's price to the Town.

2nd by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

PAMPHLETS: RESOLUTION 2011.09.13E

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that we adopt the following resolution that sets the cost of the Pamphlet Codes for Chapters 190 and 215:

WHEREAS the Town of Rensselaerville recognizes that copies of certain chapters of the Code of the Town of Rensselaerville are desired for purchase by members of the general public, and

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of Rensselaerville wishes to make copies of Chapter 190 (Subdivision regulations) and Chapter 215 (Zoning Law) of the Code of the Town Rensselaerville available to members of the general public for the sale in pamphlet form, and

WHEREAS the Town of Rensselaerville wishes to establish a price for the sale of copies of such pamphlets in order to reimburse the Town for its cost in ordering said pamphlets and handling orders for said pamphlets,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said pamphlet copies of Chapters 190 and 215 of the Code of the Town of Rensselaerville shall be available to members of the general public at a price of \$10.00 per pamphlet (plus mailing costs, if applicable) and said price may increase to match any increase in the Code publisher's price to the Town.

2nd by Councilwoman Cooke. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody to approve the Attorney's Report; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

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- **“COLD LANDS”:** Attorney Catalano reported that there is a film production company filming in and around the Town of Rensselaerville. Attorney Catalano went over what is in the Agreement. We have the required Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the Town as an additional insured.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dermody that we approve this location agreement for the production of “The Cold Lands” contingent on the final acceptance by the Town Attorney for any contract language changes; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

MEDUSA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – NEW MEMBERS – BRENDA HEATH & BRIAN DEVERE:

A motion was made by Councilman Kudlack to add Brenda Heath and Brian Devere to the Medusa Volunteer Fire Company membership list; 2nd by Councilman Chase. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

RENSELAERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NEW MEMBER: SHANNON HOSTACH & DAVE WARBURTON:

A motion was made by Councilman Chase to add Shannon Hostash and Dave Warburton to the Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company membership list; 2nd by Councilman Kudlack. *Motion Carried. Ayes (5) Dermody, Bolte, Chase, Cooke, Kudlack; Nays (0)*

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Tropical Storm Irene: Brian Wood thanked the Town Board and citizens for all the help they gave during and after the storm. From this period on, he asked that you donate those to individuals or to other organizations that can use them. They are now starting the process of cleaning their facility and get it somewhat back to normal so they can provide their day to day services.
- Mr. Wood felt that it is an obligation of the Town Board to do everything that it can to protect its citizens with regard to creek restoration.
- Mr. Wood, we need cell phone service in the whole town. If the holdup is in the Planning Board and Zoning Board, when it comes time to appoint people, appoint new people to these Boards to get it done. The EMP and Fire Companies not just the Town Board need to push this issue.
- Legislator Sandy Gordon mentioned perhaps we could wrap the cell phone issue into broadband internet service as well and maybe we can address two issues at once.
- Legislator Gordon will ask County Purchasing to get a range of RFPs out for different sizes of generators.
- Mr. Gordon spoke on the hydrofracking issue concerning the health and safety issue. He would hope that the Town Board would take advantage of the open period right now that DEC has and perhaps submit a letter and ask DEC to address the issue. He is trying to get the County to take advantage of it also.
- Legislator Gordon thanked everybody who helped out so much during the recent storm.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Councilman Chase to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM; 2nd by Councilman Bolte. *Motion Carried.*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Kathleen A. Hallenbeck, Town Clerk

(Note: Full Town Board minutes are available at Town Hall or on the Town’s web site, www.rensselaerville.com.)

Vacancy Needs to be Filled

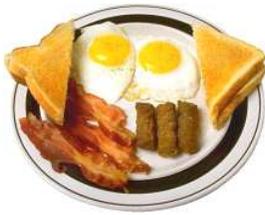
The Town Board continues to seek letters of interest from individuals interested to serve on:

- The Town’s Board of Ethics
- The Town’s Board of Assessment Review
- The possible committee to study hydrofracking as it relates to The Town of Rensselaerville.

Please submit your letter(s) of interest to Town Clerk Kathy Hallenbeck by email (townclerk@rensselaerville.com), by fax (239-6339), by US mail (87 Barger Road, Medusa, NY 12120, or by dropping them off at Town Hall.

Important Meeting Dates

- Due to Election Day, the Town Board Meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2011 has been rescheduled for Thursday, November, 10, 2011 at 7:00 PM.
- November 3, 2011 at 6:45PM, Public Hearing on Local Law #4 of 2011
- November 10, 2011 at 6:30PM, Public Hearing of the 2012 Town Budget
- November 15, 2011 at 7:00PM, the Adoption of the 2012 Town Budget



ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

Free Will Offering

DEC. 17th

JAN. 21st

FEB. 18th

MAR. 17th

APR. 21st

7 AM TO 11 AM

MEDUSA FIRE COMPANY

**ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th
FROM 11:30 AM TO 2:00 PM
THE MEDUSA FIRE COMPANY
WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL**

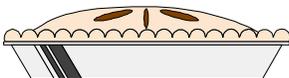


AT THE MEDUSA FIRE HOUSE

ADULTS - \$9.50

CHILDREN AGES 5-12 - \$4.50

UNDER AGE 5 - FREE



ALL ARE WELCOME



TOY DRIVE

November 5 – 30, 2011

To benefit the Hilltowns Community Resource Center
Hosted by the RVFD Ladies Battalion

Hilltown High Achievers 4H Club will also be collecting
new and gently used stuffed animals



Suggested items to donate:

NEW only please, unwrapped toys for infants – teens

Gift cards to stores (music, department, toy)

Gift wrap, ribbon, tape

Cash/checks payable to HCRC

Drop off locations:

Hilltown Café Rt. 353, Rensselaerville

Medusa General Store, Medusa

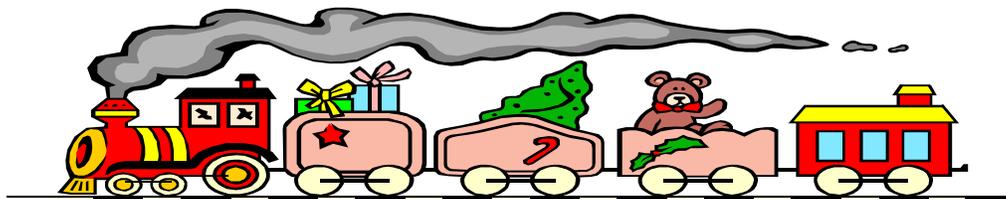
Rensselaerville Town Hall, 87 Barger Rd. Medusa

Rensselaerville Transfer Station

HCRC serves the towns of Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville.

They currently assist well over 300 families in need.

Please contact Kathy Wank @ 797-9292 with questions, monetary donations or any large donations – I can arrange for pick up ☺



14th ANNUAL MEDUSA COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

Nov 27

**STARTING AT 6 PM
at the Church in Medusa**



***WITH SINGING of CAROLS,
SPECIAL READINGS,
“The Night before Christmas”,
ENTERTAINMENT,
TREE LIGHTING, &
REFRESHMENTS***

DONATIONS OF GOODIES ARE NEEDED

**PLEASE NOTE THAT GROUPS, INDIVIDUALS,
SCOUTS, SENIORS,
4-H CLUBS, ETC. ARE INVITED TO DO SKITS or
SING SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SONGS
(religious or non-religious)
DURING THE PROGRAM.**

Contact Bill Moore at 239-4843 before Nov 24th.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO COME
*from Medusa and other communities***

NEW Important Contact Information

Town Board Meetings
Second Tuesday 7:00 pm

Working Meeting
Thursday preceding regular meeting
7:00 pm

Town Justice Court
Mondays 7:00 pm

Planning Board
First and third Thursdays 7:30 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals
First Tuesday 7:00 pm

Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
Thursday 8:00-10:00am, 7-9 pm

Town Clerk's Hours
Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-3:30pm
Thursday 1:30pm-7:30pm
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Supervisor's Hours
Monday, 9am—12 noon
Wednesday, 9am—12 noon
Friday following monthly TB meeting
9am—12 noon
Other times by appointment

Assessors' Hours
Thursday 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Assessors' Clerk Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday morning

Dog Control Officer
Cheryl Baitsholts
518-797-5201

Town Refuse Station Hours
Wednesday and Saturday
7:00am-3:45pm

Water/Sewer District Meeting
Fourth Thursday 7:00 pm

Town Supervisor
Marie Dermody
518-239-4552 (H)

Town Clerk & Collector
Kathleen A. Hallenbeck

Town Justices
Victor La Plante
Timothy Miller

Councilpersons
Robert Bolte, Gary Chase,
Marion Cooke, John Kudlack

Building Inspector
& Code Enforcement Officer
Mark Overbaugh

Assessors
Jeff Pine, Donna Kropp,
Michael Weber
Rachel Chase, Clerk II

Highway Superintendent
David Potter—Acting

Planning Board
Muriel Frasher, Chairperson
Kathy Wank, Clerk

Zoning Board of Appeals
James Glorioso, Chairman
Kathy Wank, Clerk

Deputy Town Clerk
Dee Andrus

Bookkeeper
Sarah Hunt

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518-797-3798; 518-239-4225
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Capital Bldg., Room 502
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518-455-2800

Assemblyman John McEneny, 104th Dist.
LOB, Room 648
Albany, NY 12248
518-455-4100

County Legislature, 39th Dist.
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144 Beebe Road, Berne, NY 12023
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Albany County Highway Dept.
518-239-6715, 518-239-6710

Rensselaerville Fire Company, 911
Social Number - 797-3218

Tri-Village Fire Company, 911
Social number - 239-6780

Medusa Fire Company, 911
Back up emergency number,
765-5979
Social number - 239-6166

Rensselaerville Vol. Ambulance, 911
For Information - 518-797-5233

Albany County Sheriff, 911
518-765-2351

State Police
Rensselaerville and Hilltowns, 911
518-477-9333

Hilltown Community Resource Center
518-797-5256

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